The First Decade of Virginia Sponsored Amtrak Service

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10th Anniversary of Virginia Sponsored Amtrak Service

In ten years, Virginia Sponsored Amtrak Service has grown from one daily round-trip train on one route carrying over 125,000 passengers throughout the Commonwealth and into the Northeast, to six daily round-trip trains on four routes with ridership exceeding 850,000.
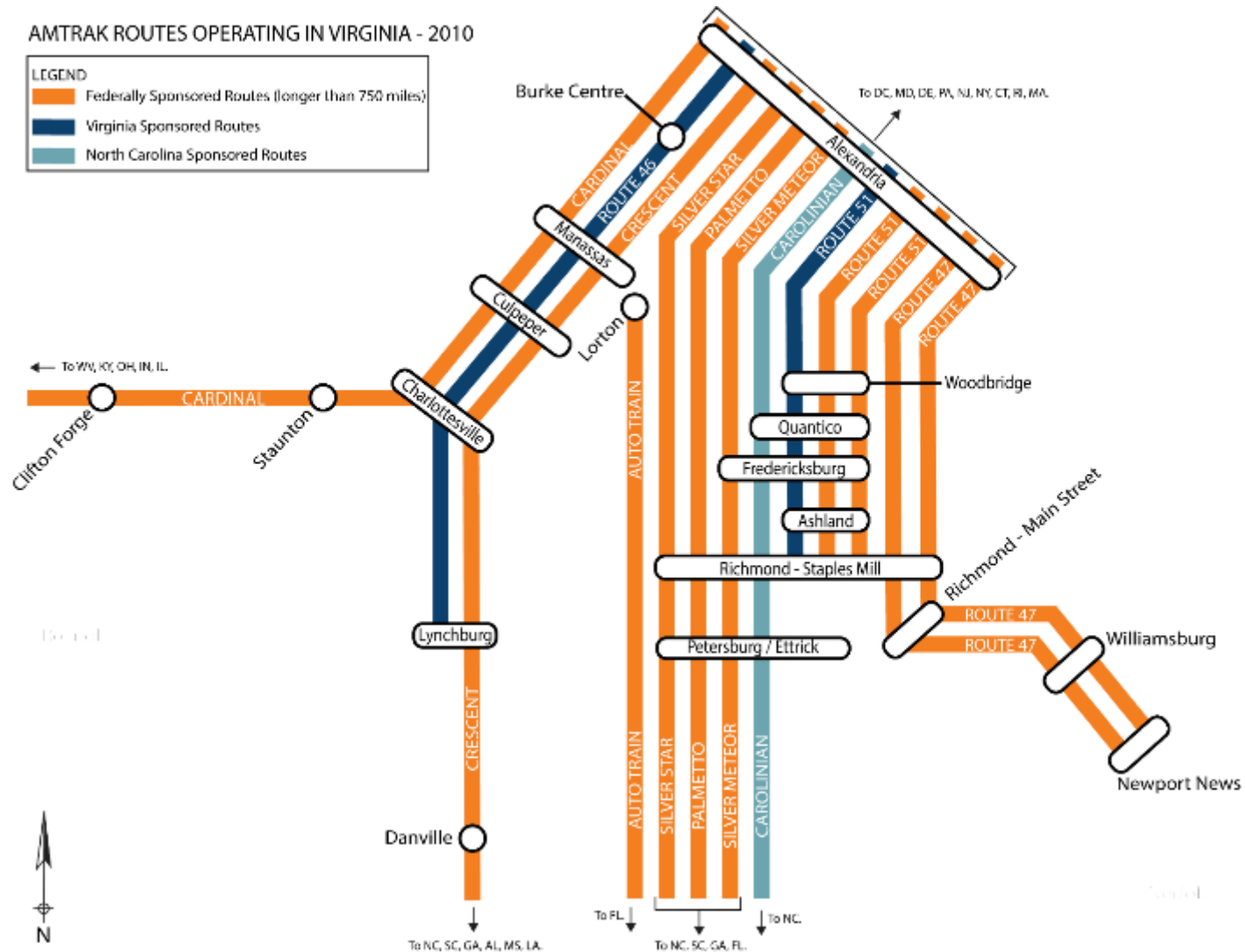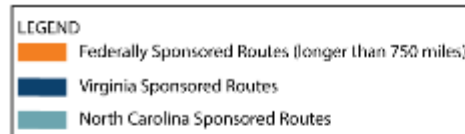
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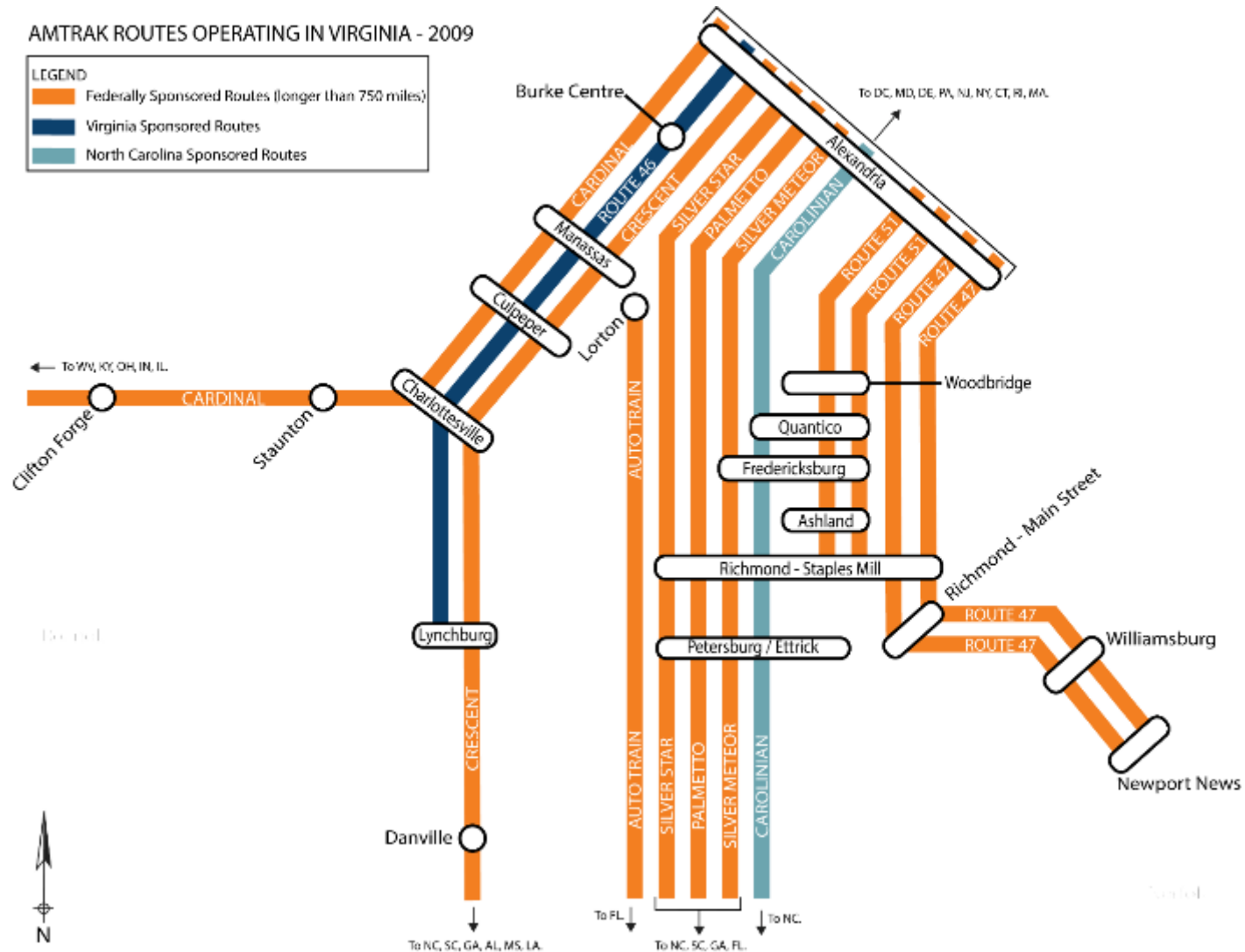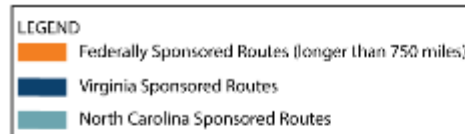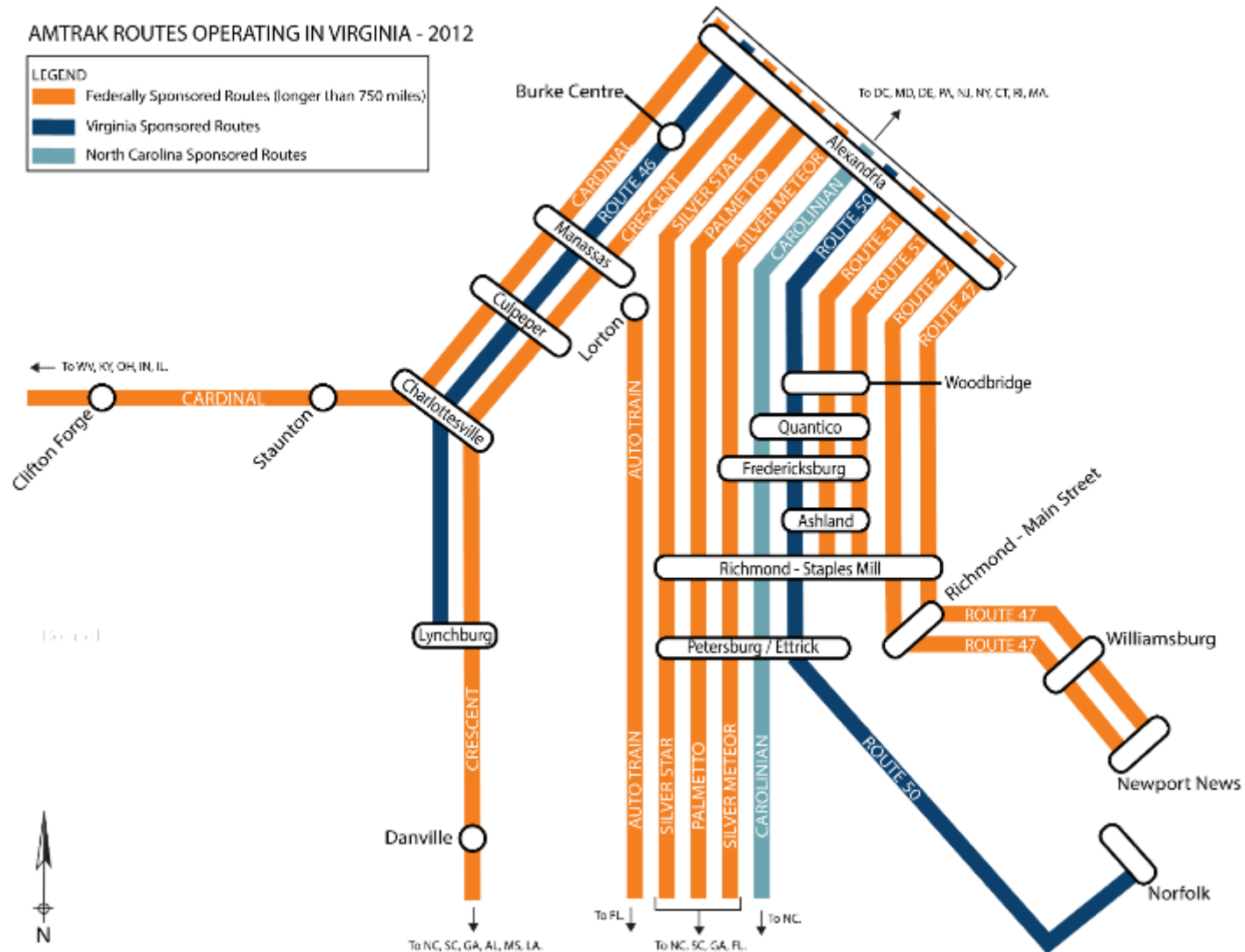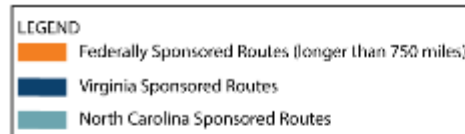
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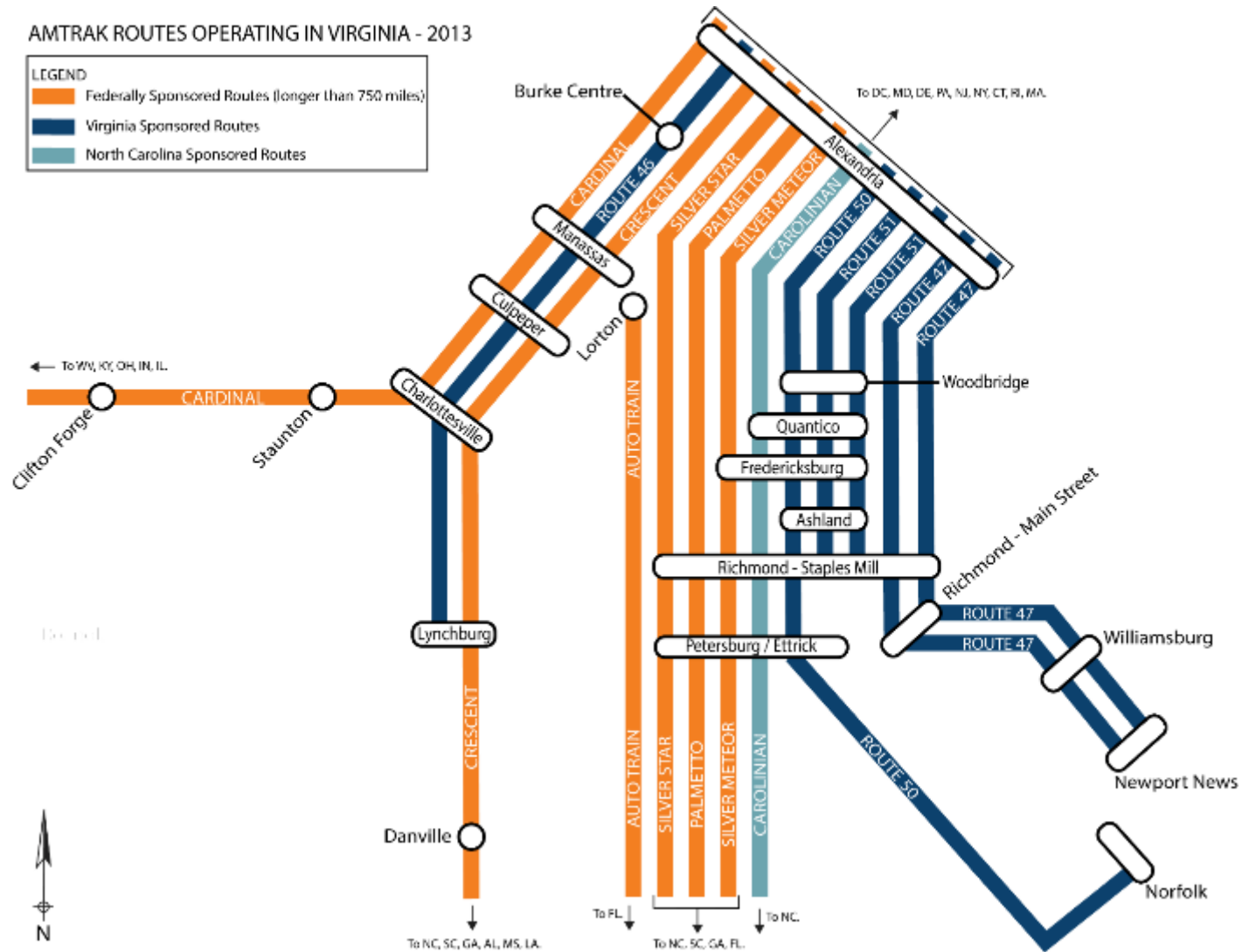# Passenger Rail Service - 2012

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Passenger Rail Service - 2013

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- Virginia Sponsored Routes
- North Carolina Sponsored Routes
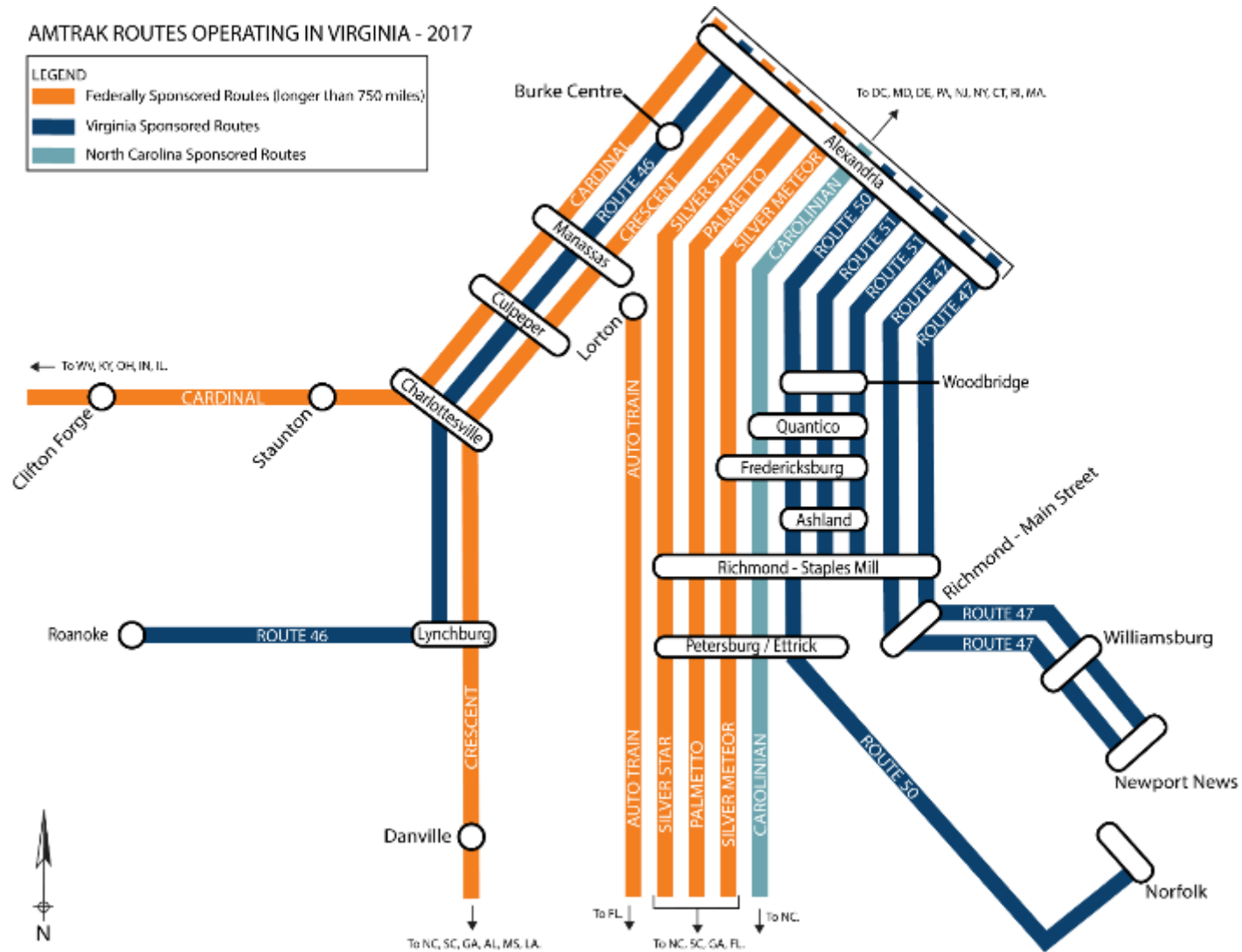
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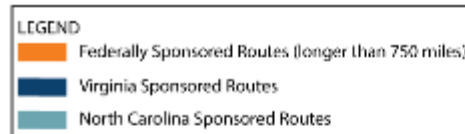

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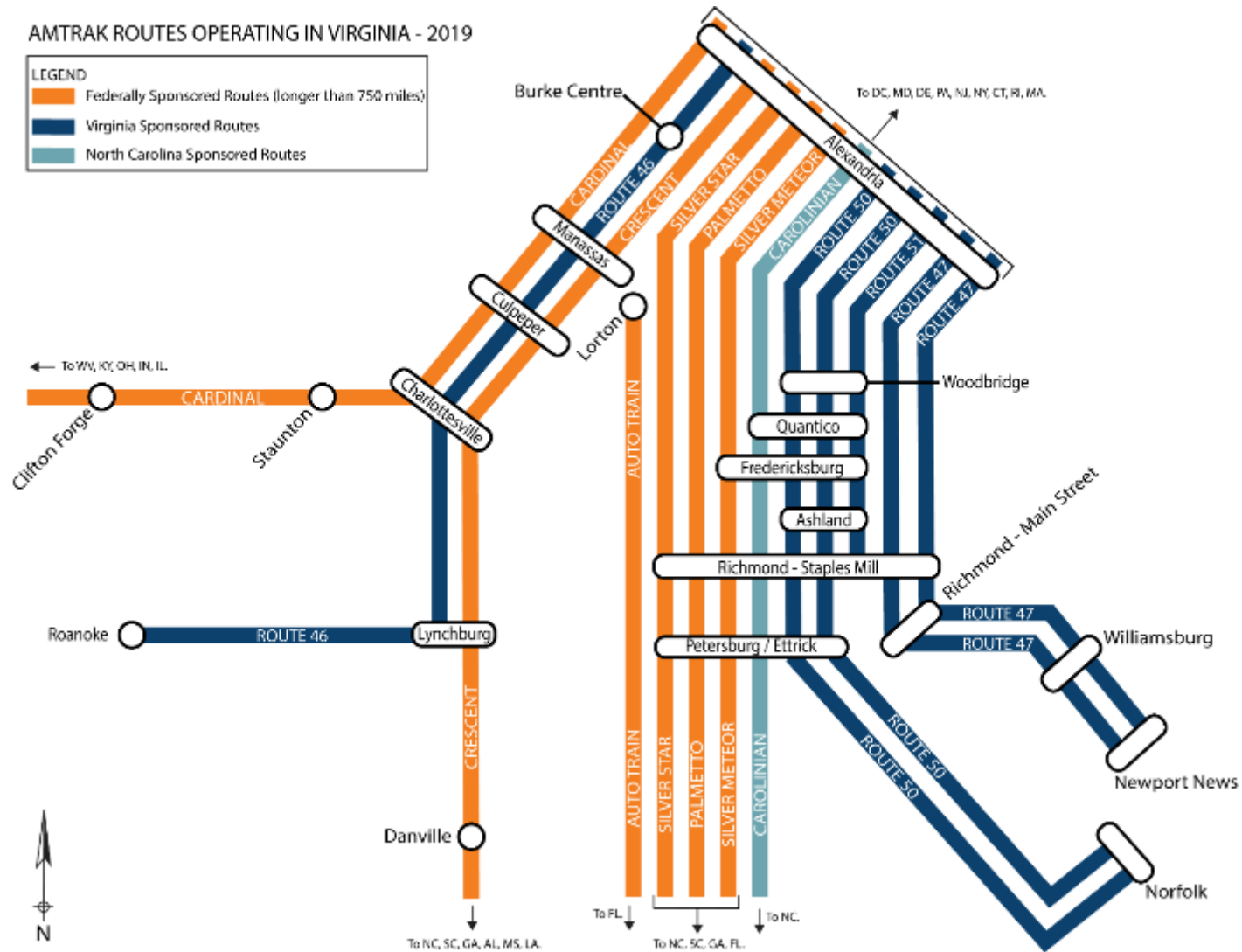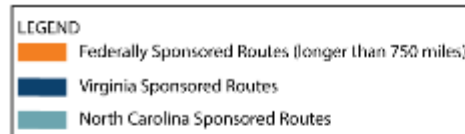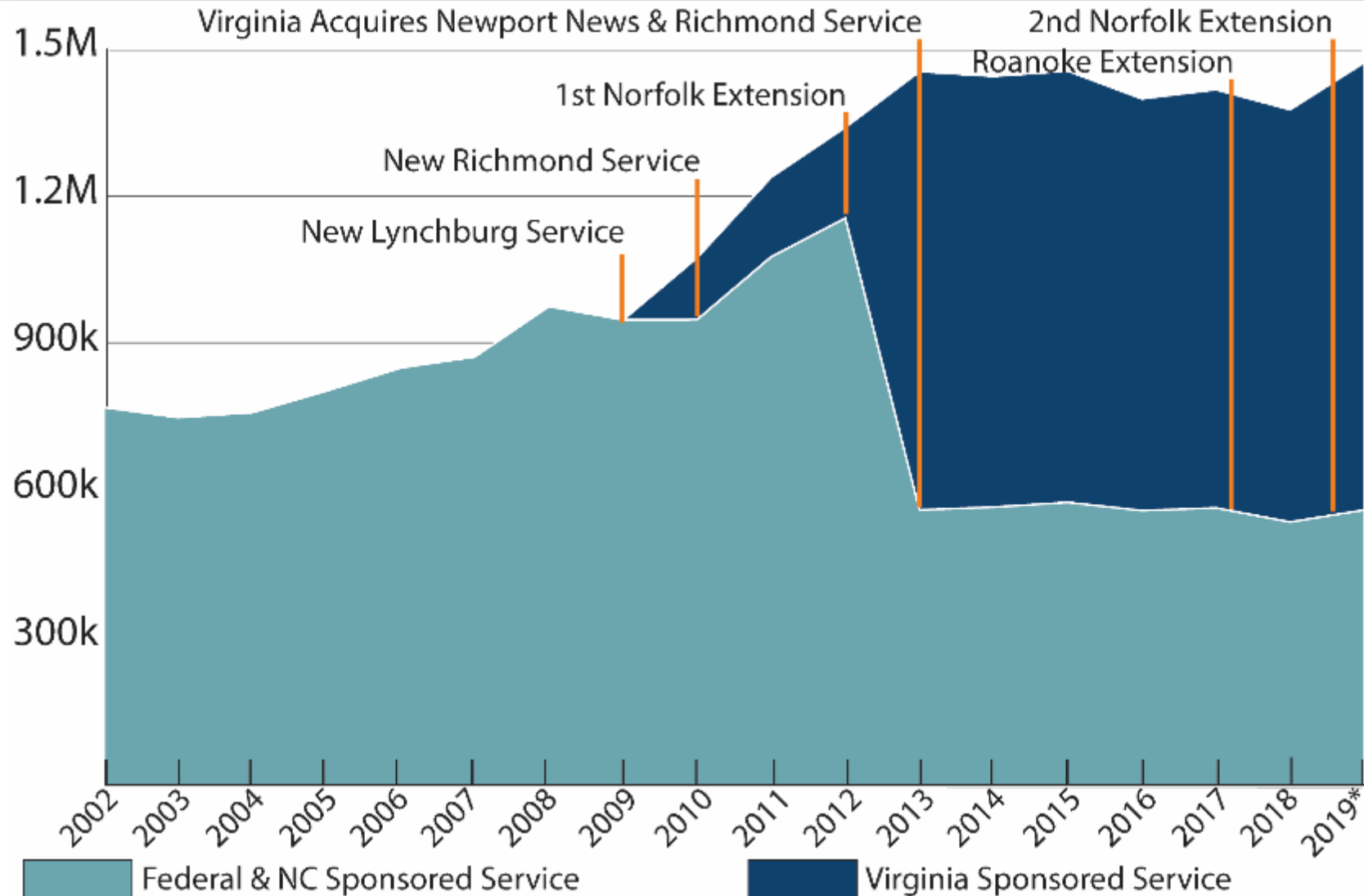# Ridership 2002 – 2019 (Projected)

FFY18 Station Activity
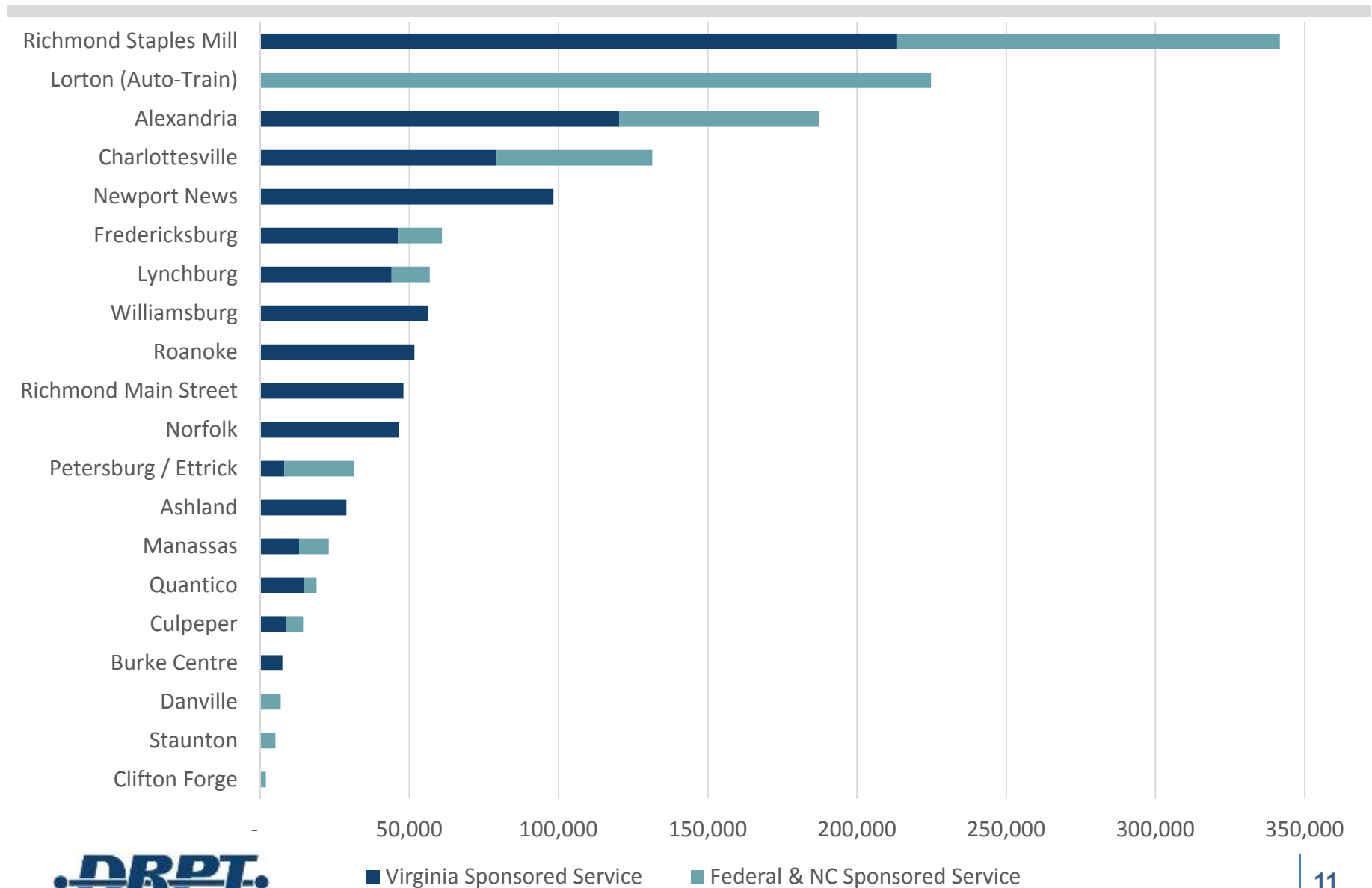
Quick Facts

- Of the 18 member states of SAIPRC that provide state sponsored passenger service, Virginia ranked 5th in total ridership for FY18.

- Richmond's Staples Mill Station is the busiest Amtrak station in the Southeastern United States.

Future

- 3rd Norfolk Train Slated for FY 2022

- DRPT staff will continue to work with Host Railroads, Amtrak, and other stakeholders to add capacity to the network to enhance and expand passenger rail:
  - Long Bridge
  - Arlington-Alexandria 4th Track
  - Franconia-Occoquan 3rd Track
  - Arkendale 3rd Track
  - Station Projects at Alexandria, Quantico, Newport News, Ettrick

- DRPT will examine the feasibility of service to New River Valley, East-West service, and other areas in the State Rail Plan

- Station Needs Assessment

- DRPT staff will continue working with SAIPRC on:
  - Procuring new train equipment
  - Improving customer experience
  - Lobbying for federal funding support

- More announcements in the near future celebrating 10 years of Virginia sponsored Amtrak service.

Thank You

Questions & Comments